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1. IN SUCCESSIVE SESSIONS APRIL 10 AND 11 "VINCI GROUP" OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AT UN HEARD PRESENTATIONS BY EGYPTIAN PERMREP MEGUID AND ISRAELI PERMREP TEKOAH. EACH MADE ALL-OUT EFFORT TO BLAME OTHER SIDE FOR BREAKDOWN OF DR. KISSINGER'S PEACE EFFORT AND TO DEMONSTRATE STRONG DESIRE TO RESUME SEARCH FOR PEACE. AMB TEKOAH MADE HIS USUAL ARTICULATE AND SKILLFUL PRESENTATION. AMB MEGUID MADE POSITIVE IMPRESSION ON GROUP WITH LOW-KEY PRESENTATION AND EFFORT TO PROJECT REASONABLENESS AND FLEXIBILITY. BOTH MEGUID AND TEKOAH EXPRESSED RESPECT AND APPRECIATION FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER'S EFFORTS AND MEGUID GAVE SEVERAL CELAR IF INDIRECT INDICATIONS EGYPT EXPECTED AND WOULD WELCOME CONTINUING US EFFORTS IN SEARCH FOR PEACE.

2. AFTER DESCRIBING SEVERAL ISSUES THAT LED TO BREAKDOWN OF KISSINGER'S MISSION, MEGUID REITERATED MAIN POINTS OF SADAT'S MAY 29 ADDRESS. HE SAID EGYPT NOW LOOKING TO GENEVA FOR
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COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT OF BOTH PALESTINE QUESTION AND

TERRITORIAL QUESTION. INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WERE NOW PROCEEDING TO MAKING GENEVA A SUCCESS. HE MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF AN ARAB LEAGUE UMBRELLA FOR PELESTINIAN PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA AND SAID THAT "ANOTHER IDEA" IS FOR SINGLE "ALL-ARAB" DELEGATION INCLUDING PALESTINIANS. ARAFAT IN CAIRO NOW FOR DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT, MEGUID NOTED.

3. MEGUID EMPHASIZED VIEW THAT USG NOW UNDERSTANDS MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM AND US PUBLIC SHOWING INCREASED UNDERSTANDING. "THIS CREATES HOPEFUL SITUATION." HE NOTED WRYLY THAT SENATOR MCGOVERN NOW TAKES POSITION DIFFERENT FROM THAT HE MAINTAINED DURING HIS PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. HE SAID EGYPT CONSIDERED GENEVA "THE FORUM NOW" BUT THAT IF IN MEANTIME THERE OTHER ACTIONS THAT COULD HELP MAKE GENEVA SUCCESSFUL "WE ARE OPEN." EGYPT HAD ASKED THAT FRANCE AND UK BE PRESENT AT RESUMED GENEVA TALKS. TO QUESTION RE NON-ALIGNED PARTICIPATION, HE REPLIED BRIEFLY THAT HE COULD NOT CONFIRM THAT SADAT HAD SUGGESTED NON-ALIGNED PRESENCE IN GENEVA.

4. TEKOA HAD SAID THAT ISRAEL HAD ADVANCED NO MILITARY DESIDERATA BUT OBVIOUSLY COULD NOT AGREE TO "PURELY MILITARY AGREEMENT," WHEN IT HELD ALL THE MILITARY CARDS. ISRAEL HAD SUGGESTED "LESS THAN OVERALL AGREEMENT" BECAUSE IT UNDERSTOOD EGYPT UNWILLING TO GO "ALL THE WAY." HE ARGUED THAT EGYPTIAN POSITION HAD ADDED UP TO PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE ISRAEL AND REDUCE ISRAELI POPULATION TO STATUS OF MINORITY ON MODEL OF UNHAPPY JEWISH COMMUNITY IN SYRIA. THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO END TO PROPAGANDA, NO END TO OPTION OF WAR, NO BEGINNING OF TOURISM. HE CITED RECENT INSTANCES OF "EGYPTIAN ACTS OF BAD FAITH" INCLUDING "PLAYING WITH UNEF DATES," BREACHING COMMITMENT TO PREVENT ISRAEL FREEDOM OF PASSAGE IN SUEZ AND BELATED RETURN OF CORPSES OF ISRAELI SOLDIERS.

5. TEKOA AFFIRMED ISRAELI INTEREST IN "CONTINUATION OF PEACE SEEKING." TO THIS END, IT ESSENTIAL THAT PEACEKEEPING AND DIS-ENGAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS BE CONTINUED. HE EXPRESSED FEAR ARABS AND SOVIETS SEE GENEVA AS A FORUM FOR ACRIMONY, CITING PROPOSALS FOR NEW PARTICIPANTS AS EVIDENCE EGYPT DOES NOT HAVE CONSTRUCTIVE INTENT. HE WAS UNCOMPROMISING IN ATTACKING PLO AS UNREPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIANS AND ASSERTING THAT "JORDAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IS THE REAL PALESTINIAN STATE." HE CONCLUDED HIS PRESENTATION BY INVITING HIS AUDIENCE TO COME AND VISIT HIM ON THE WEST BANK TO OBSERVE THE "TRUTH ABOUT THE PALESTINIANS" FOR THEMSELVES. SCHAUFLE

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